

TWO CLUBS WILL STAND PAT WITH PRESENT LINEUP

Athletics and Naps Will Not Add New Men to Infield or Outfields—Other Teams are Looking for Stars.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—There are two American league clubs which may take the field next spring with exactly the same outfit of regulars with which they completed the 1913 season. The two lucky ones are the Athletics and Naps.

Even a burglar would have to be a skilled artist to break into Connie Mack's \$100,000 infield, while the outfit combination of Oldring, Strunk and Eddie Murphy looks to be good enough. It is doubtful, anyway, if Connie will make much of an effort to improve upon it. Schang and Lapp will be on hand again to do the catching, while the pitching staff will be practically the same.

As for the Naps it looks as if Johnson, LaJole, Chapman and Turner would form the inner defense again with Trone, Leibold and Jackson doing the fly chasing stunts. Steve O'Neill of course will be the premier catcher, with possibly Fred Carisch and one other to assist him. A few youngsters have been purchased and drafted, but they will have to prove stars to dislodge any of the seven regulars.

Jimmy Callahan will stand pat on Chase, Weaver and Lord of his infield, but Second Baseman Berger will have to contest the right for his position with Russell Blackburne, who will endeavor to prove that he is a real big leaguer this time. Collins, Bodie and Campbell are Callahan's gardeners. They are not very classy, but good enough to make it difficult for a recruit to break in.

Griffith will send the same infield on the diamond but is desirous of improving upon Shanks in the outfield. The former Youngstown boy is a star outfielder, but is weak at the bat. Moeller, the right fielder, also possesses faults which cause Griffith to be on the lookout for a better man.

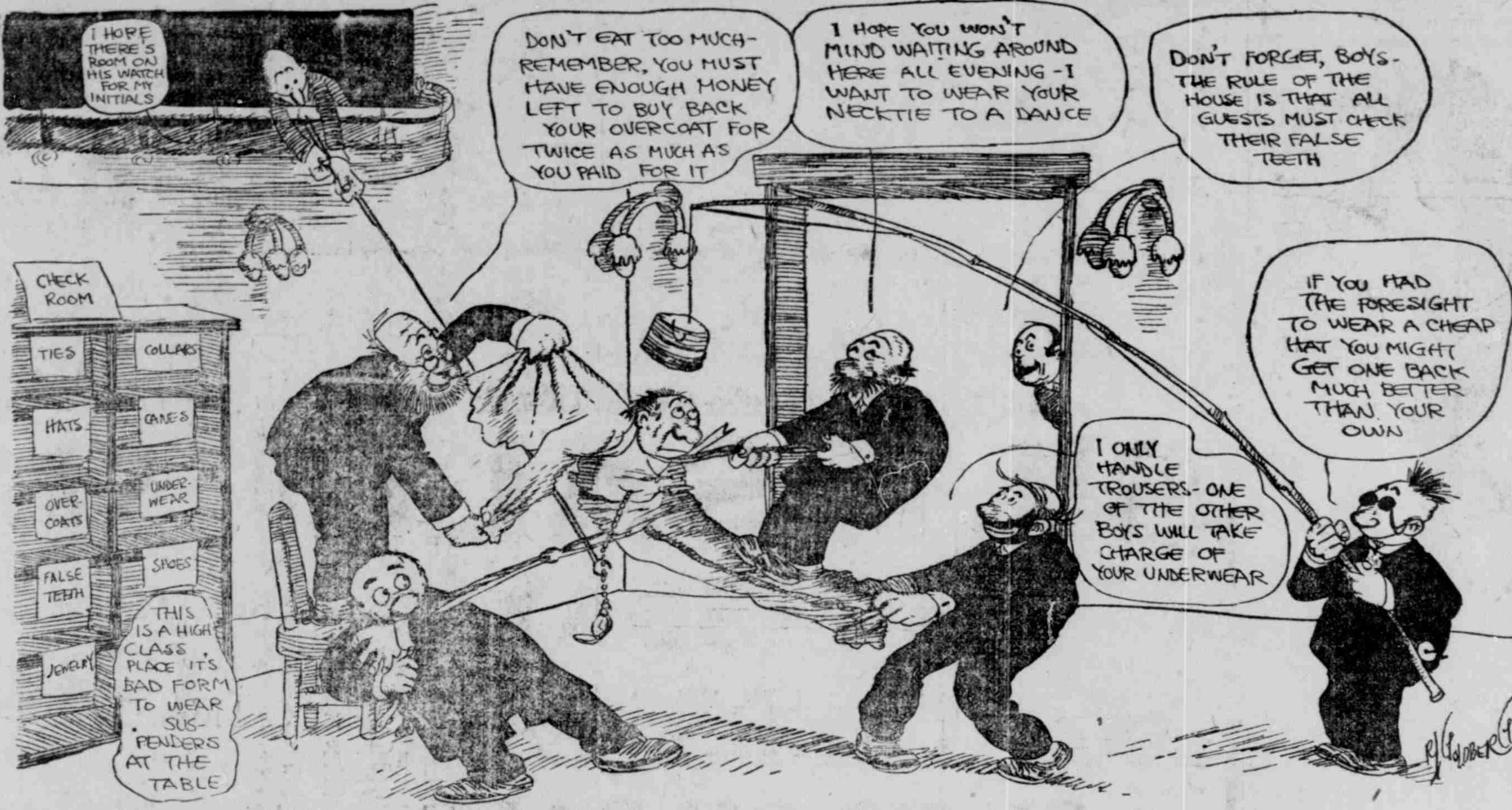
Boston will keep its outfield unchanged, but it would not be a surprise if the infield underwent a few changes. Engle is a splendid utility man and a strong batter, but he could be improved upon as a first sacker. At any rate, Carrigan has a couple of first base recruits whom he will try out in the spring. Waiters were asked on Steve Yerkes last summer, but Steve finished the season with the Sox at that. Still, he is booked to go. Carrigan would also like to find a youngster to replace Heine Wagner, or at least take Heine's place when the veteran is crippled, which was often last season.

Detroit may undergo some changes. In fact, it might be stated that Bush, Cobb and Crawford are the only three regulars who have their berths clinched. Vitt might be added to the list, but even he has no mortgage upon the keystone cushion. As for Moriarty, Gainer and Veach, they are merely waiting until some youngster bobs up that has the ability to make good.

The Browns and the Yankees are the only ones to be discussed. In as much as they were the fall and teams,

BREAKING EVEN.—By Goldberg.

IF RESTAURANT PATRONS EVER GET A CHANCE TO CHECK THE CHECK-BOY'S THINGS.



PRICE OFFERED FOR TINKER WOULD HAVE MADE BASEBALL RECORD IF HANDED OVER



JOE TINKER, THE HIGHEST PRICED BALL PLAYER BASEBALL HAS PRODUCED.

GRIFFITH BACK WITHOUT PLAYER

Senator Manager Even Thought He Might Possibly Land Joe Tinker—Several Gardeners Look Good to Him.

AT THE EXTREME LEFT—"SPEEDY BOB" BESCHER, WHO WILL GREATLY INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE GIANTS' RUNNING ATTACK. THE MAN AT BAT IS ED KONETCHY, BELOW KONETCHY IS CHARLIE HERZOG, WHO WAS TRADED TO CINCINNATI BECAUSE HE WAS "TOO BRILLIANT" TO SUIT MCGRAW.

Baseball magnates have changed the childhood game of "button, button, whose got the button?" to "star, star, whose got a star—to trade?"

Trading star players is a popular diversion to cork-pulling for the magnates in annual session. It relieves the monotony and shows the players where they stand.

On top of electing Gov. Tener president, the National league swapped everything but his eye teeth—which are just being cut—and its franchise. Garry Herrman started by selling Joe Tinker to Brooklyn for \$25,000, the highest price on record. Of the \$25,000 Tinker gets \$10,000 to compensate him for playing outside of the United States and a salary of \$7,500.

Thus three records were broken at one sitting—the highest price ever paid for an individual player; the highest salary ever paid a player for short stopping; and the fact that a magnate voluntarily gave away real money without being dynamited.

Incidentally, with this light shed upon Joey's stipend, the income tax-

ers will have a picnic. Cincinnati also traded "Speedy Bob" Beschler to New York for Charlie Herzog, the only Giant who has dared admit he had brains—Herzog admitted it and proceeded to use them, which is the "why" of his being traded. Beschler, now the best base runner in the league, will be a terror under the McGraw system. Catcher Hartley was sentenced to Cincinnati for good measure.

St. Louis and Pittsburgh ran amuck. First Baseman Konetchy, Mike Mowry and Pitcher Bob Harmon go to Smoke-town for First Baseman John Miller, Pitcher Robinson, Outfielder Wilson and Infielder Butler.

It looks as if Miller Huggins had the best of this trade, but the answer will be better known along about next October, when the leaves begin to fall.

Although the Cincinnati directors have decided to hold up the deal, the fact remains that Herrman holds the reputation of getting the record price for a baseball star.

BESCHER SURE OF GARDEN JOB

Murray or Snodgrass Expected to be Benched With Coming of Former Red—Herzog One Giant With Brains.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The advent of Beschler in New York undoubtedly will mean the end of Fred Snodgrass or Jack Murray in the outfield of the Giants. A place must be made for the Cincinnati man, who is without a peer in the league as a base runner and the superior of any man in McGraw's outer garden as a fielder and thrower, although surpassed in hitting by all except Murray.

Herzog goes to Cincinnati with his eyes open and realizes the task which is ahead of him. But there are few men in the game better qualified for the job than Charlie. The differences which the third baseman had with McGraw last summer were due in no small degree to the fact that both are of the same temperament and character. When they fail to agree there is bound to be trouble.

Herzog is of a fiery, energetic and fighting type. Furthermore, he is one of the few members of the Giants who are superabundantly endowed with brains. Outside of Mathewson himself, Charlie was just about the cleverest, smartest and most level-headed man on the team. He is the sort of man to inspire confidence and always steady in the New York infield, as well as the pitcher, when he got into the game.

Herzog came to the Giants back in 1909 and played shortstop for a time, but was traded to Boston the following winter and fought for the tail-enders in 1910. He was dissatisfied with his lot and came back to New York in the middle of the 1911 campaign. It was at this time that McGraw made the big change in the infield which eventually won the pennant, putting Fletcher at short in place of Bridwell and Herzog at third for Devlin.

Charlie was a star through the campaign of 1912, and a wonder in the world's series with the Red Sox. But last year he was under the weather much of the training season and got off to a poor start, so that by the time he was ready to play his best the speedier Shaffer had clinched the job at third. This led to hard feeling between Herzog and McGraw and eventually to the trade which now sends him to Cincinnati.

Grover Hartley, the catcher, who goes to Cincinnati with Herzog, has spent two seasons on the bench of the Giants, getting into a game only once in a while. He has shown much promise as a receiver, although not revealing power as a hitter. He had little opportunity to play with Meyers catching day after day and Wilson ready for relief duty. Then when Larry McLean joined the staff it became only a question of time before one of the four would be traded. Grover was at bat only 19 times last season and made six hits, giving him an average of .316, but this is far above his form.

Beschler is by far and away the best runner in the National league, so much so that he has been called the Ty Cobb of the organization. It is for this reason that McGraw has always been so anxious to capture him.

HARPER EXPECTS TO UNCOVER NEW STARS BY MEETS

Will Introduce Series of Inter-hall Contests to Select Possible Candidates for Next Year's Track Team.

When school opens after the holidays at Notre Dame, Athletic Director Jesse C. Harper will spring a unique innovation in local athletics that should go a long way toward strengthening the varsity track team. Owing to the new rule in vogue at the gold and blue school, no freshmen will be allowed to compete in inter-collegiate contests this year. The football team was little affected by this change in athletic policy, the basketball and baseball squads will be represented by many veterans, but the freshmen rule hits the track men pretty hard. Notre Dame did not have a wonderfully strong team last season and with the inception of the new eligibility rule Harper will have to depend on other than first year men to bolster his track team.

The system that Harper has perfected calls for three preliminary interhall meets and a final. All men who have not won a point for the varsity are eligible to enter and the hall that wins the most points in the final meet wins the interhall track championship. The first preliminary meet is held for some time in January, about the third week of the month. The men who win first and second places in the events of this meet will be qualified to enter the final for the championship.

A week following the first preliminary will come the second, open to all who have not won a first or a second in the initial gathering. In the case of the first meet winners of first and second places in this second attraction will be allowed to compete in the final and the same applies to the third preliminary. This makes six men for every event in the championship meet and from this collection Harper hopes to glean some promising varsity material.

All Will Get Chance. This plan has much in its favor. In former years there were but two preliminary meets and oftentimes a good man was unable to break into the finals. According to this year's system the best men will place in the first meet, or even if there are more than two to each event they will get a chance to prove their worth in the second and third preliminaries. In the final meet winners of places probably will be rewarded with medals.

In past years too, it was customary to let the interhall meets go till late in March. By scheduling the interhall track activities for January, Harper will be able to grab a good many stellar indoor performers. The wealth of material that can be gathered from the hall teams should greatly aid in building up the varsity aggregation.

Dugan, last year's interhall champion both in the high and low hurdles, is a man who may shine in varsity company this year. He can run the barriers in close to good inter-collegiate time and is also a speedy dash man. With a little training under Harper's direction he should be able to fill the shoes of Pritchard, last year's star hurdler. Larkin is another man who can step into the shoes in fast time. Both of these should show something in the coming interhall meets.

Most of the men that shone in the interhall dashes last year are not back. "Whiff" Dolan, "Red" Regan and others have left and the coach will have to rely on next month's meets to bring out 40-yarders. The middle distance events should profit by the interhall meets. Voelkers and Dundon traveled the quarter, indoors in 55 seconds and should go even better this year. Voelkers is also a capable 880 yard man and he, with Bartholomew, last year's interhall champ, should show the way in the half mile in the coming meets.

Notre Dame is very weak in the distance events, having no stellar performers in the mile and two mile, and thus Harper will have to look to the interhall mile run to supplement his present varsity distance candidates. Costello, Kinzella and Racigalupo traveled the mile at a good clip last season and not only these men but others should show to advantage in the interhall gatherings.

Eichenlaub is the only man Harper can at present depend on for the shot put. "Eich" is able to heave the pill well over 40 feet but the coach is desirous of getting men who can add seconds and thirds to the firsts that "Eich" usually pulls down. The winner of the interhall shot put last year was forced to go over 26 feet and as such men as Fitzgerald, Fineman and other heavyweights are back again Harper can get a line on their abilities in the interhall meets.

Five feet seven was the mark reached in the interhall high jump last season and if this is duplicated this year Harper will have some good material on which to begin work. "Rupe" Mills, the big basketball center, and other interhall men may be called upon to help out on the varsity squad. Dorais can go over 16 feet in the pole vault and may go higher if pushed in the coming meets.

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